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Dear Mr. Sage:

This is in response to your letter received 17 January 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/869,768 filed 29 June 2001. The application has been processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) has been issued. A copy of that notification is attached herewith for your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nguyễn Ngọc Hồ". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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